

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office action mailed December 2, 2004, and the references cited therein have been received and carefully reviewed.

As a preliminary matter, the Office action and the rejections cited therein were discussed between the undersigned and the examiner during a personal interview on March 10, 2005, for which, the undersigned would like to thank the examiner for taking the time to discuss this case and for the examiner's helpful comments and suggestions.

As discussed during the interview, in order to distinguish the claimed invention over the prior art combination, claim 1 has been amended to better define the apparatus used for producing the bar notch and the side member notch over the prior art combination and it now recites "a method of producing a bar notch (3) in a side of a side member (1) and a cross member notch (4) on an end of a cross member (2) using an apparatus having a triangular knife head, a guide for slidably supporting said triangular knife head therewithin, said guide being movable in a horizontal direction, a second guide disposed on a table, and a second guide member slidably disposed on said second guide." None of the cited prior art references, taken individually or in combination, teaches or suggests these limitations as now required by amended claim 1.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is patentable over the prior art combination.

Each issue raised in the Office action mailed December 2, 2004, has been addressed and it is believed that claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

Wherefore, Applicant respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in

this case.

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